



# Memorandum

**TO:** MAYOR CHUCK REED**FROM:** Councilmember Madison Nguyen**SUBJECT:** Tully Community Branch Library  
Hours**DATE:** 5/21/2010

Approved

Date

5/21/10

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the following recommendation be enacted.

**BACKGROUND****City-Council Initiated Neighborhood Improvement Reserve Fund/Other Budget Proposals**Program/Project Title: Tully Community Branch Library HoursAmount of City Funding Required: \$ 750,000Fund Type: General Fund

Anticipated Outcomes: Requested funding changes would affect benefits or services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc., as described below:

In January 2005, community members celebrated the opening of the Tully Community Branch Library, a 24,300 square foot facility and the first San José Public branch library located in the Tully Road neighborhood. The construction was made possible by the voter approved Parks Bond and Library Bond Measures in November 2000. This is also the first branch library in the City of San José that included a Family Learning Center with programs and equipment supporting adult learning and family literacy.

Consequently, in June 2008, the Seven Trees Library and Solari Community Center was demolished in order for construction to begin on the new Seven Trees Community Center and Branch Library, the sixteenth project to be constructed under the said Parks Bond and Library Bond Measures. Construction on this project is approximately 94% complete and is estimated to be complete by the end of June 2010. The Seven Trees Community Center and Branch Library was originally scheduled to open in August of 2010; unfortunately, due to the City's current budget situation, this opening has been delayed to September 2011.

The Tully Library is one of the widely used branch libraries in the City of San José. In the first nine months of 2009-2010 alone, it had 401,896 visitors with circulation of 975,396 items.

Maintaining the current seven-day hour of operation at the Tully Library until September 2011 will ensure that residents of the Seven Trees community will continue to have library services at least until the new Seven Trees Branch Library opens. At approximately 2.5 miles away from the current Seven Trees Library, the Tully

Library is the closest library to the Seven Trees community and has been greatly impacted with an even higher number of visitors than usual while the new library is still under construction.

### **Funding Source**

Program/Project Title: Tully Community Branch Library Hours

Amount of City Funding Change: \$ 750,000

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.) General Fund

Anticipated Outcomes: Requested funding changes would affect benefits or services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc., as described below:

Funding will provide for continued seven days hour of operation at the Tully Library and will ensure that there will be a year of continuous, uninterrupted service for residents who use the library until the new Seven Trees Library opens in September 2011.

Department or Organization: Tully Community Branch Library

Department or Organization Contact (Please list contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation.)

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This change is:

  X   One-time             Ongoing

The City Service Area to which the change best relates:

- ☐ Community and Economic Development Services
- ☐ Environmental and Utility Services
- ☒ Neighborhood Services
- ☐ Public Safety
- ☐ Transportation and Aviation Services
- ☐ Strategic Support